

**AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009  
CWSRF PROJECT PRIORITY LIST  
RANKING CRITERIA (Maximum 100 Points)**

***I. Readiness to Award Construction Contract (Maximum 30 points)***

<b>Award Date</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Points</b>
By June 17, 2009	100%	30.0
June 18-August 16, 2009	75%	22.5
August 17-October 15, 2009	50%	15.0
October 16-December 14, 2009	25%	7.5
December 15, 2009-January 16, 2010	10%	3.0
After January 16, 2010	0%	0

***II. Project Benefits to Environment or Public Health (Maximum 30 points)***

<b>Project Addresses</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Points</b>
State or Federal Order	100%	30.0
Surface water quality impairment issue(s)	75%	22.5
Chronic NPDES Compliance Issues (w/out order)	50%	15.0
Surface water quality in unimpaired waters	25%	7.5
Little water quality benefit	0%	0

***III. Project Benefits to Treatment Plant, Pump Station or Sewer System Facility Capacity (Maximum 20 points)***

<b>Facility Flow or Loading as % of Capacity</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Points</b>
Above 100%	100%	20.0
81-100 %	67%	13.4
70-80%	33%	6.6
< 70%	0%	0

***IV. Project Includes Component that has Green Infrastructure, Water Efficiency, Energy Efficiency or Environmentally Innovative Benefit (Maximum 5 points)***

<b>Prorated % of Project Cost*</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Points</b>
35-49%	100%	5.0
20-34%	67%	3.35
1-19%	33%	1.65
<1%	0%	0

***V. Affordability (Maximum 15 points)***

<b>User Rate/Median Income x 100%</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Points</b>
>2.0	100%	15.0
1.75-2.0	75%	11.25
1.50-1.74	50%	7.5
1.00-1.49	25%	3.75
<1.0	0%	0

**\* Projects with prorated project costs of 50% or higher are subject to separate ranking criteria.**

## DESCRIPTION OF CRITERIA

### ***I. Readiness to Award Construction Contract***

Readiness to award construction contract means the expected date when the project construction contract will be awarded.

### ***II. Project Benefits to Environment or Public Health***

State or federal order means the public owner is under a court order or a state or federal consent decree or a state or federal administrative order or administrative order by consent requiring the owner to address pollution control issues by complying with a schedule of events.

Surface water quality impairment issue(s) means the project will result in the removal of pollutants that cause surface water impairment(s).

Chronic NPDES Compliance Issues (w/out order) means the project will result in the elimination of frequent violations of a facility's NPDES permit discharge limitations but the facility discharge does not cause a surface water impairment and is not currently subject to a state or federal enforcement action.

Surface water quality in unimpaired waters means that the project will result in an improvement of surface water quality in a segment that is not impaired.

Little water quality benefit means that the project will result in negligible or no improvement in surface water quality.

### ***III. Project Benefits to Treatment Plant, Pump Station or Sewer System Facility Capacity***

Facility flow or loading as a percent of capacity means the current wastewater treatment plant, pump station or sewer (collectively a facility) hydraulic or organic loading divided by its design hydraulic or organic loading times 100%. Above 100% means the facility is currently operating in excess of its design capacity. 81-100% means a facility is currently operating at between 81 and 100% of its design capacity. 70-80% means a facility is currently operating at between 70 and 80% of its design capacity. <70% means a facility is currently operating at less than 70% of its design capacity.

### ***IV. Project Includes Component that has Green Infrastructure, Water Efficiency, Energy Efficiency or Environmentally Innovative Benefit***

Prorated percentage of project cost means that portion of project costs related to green infrastructure, water conservation, energy efficiency or environmentally innovative components. This criterion is for projects having up to 49% of project costs related to these components. Projects with 50% or more project costs relating to these components are subject to separate ranking criteria. 35-49% means that green infrastructure, water conservation, energy efficiency or environmentally innovative components of a project comprise 35-49% of project costs. 20-34% means green infrastructure, water conservation, energy efficiency or environmentally innovative components of a project comprise 20-34% of project costs. 1-19% means that green infrastructure, water conservation, energy efficiency or environmentally innovative components of a project comprise 1-19% of project costs. Less than 1% means that green infrastructure, water conservation, energy efficiency or environmentally innovative components of a project comprise less than 1% of project costs.

### ***V. Affordability***

Affordability means the ratio calculated as the community sewer use fee divided by the community median household income times 100%. The sewer use fee is the 2006 fee of record compiled by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. The median household income is the

median household income of the town, city or political subdivision as compiled by the year 2000 United States Census.